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The President's Corner

By Doug Jennings

Variety is the spice of our collecting lives so there are a number of items I want to cover in this issue's column. The first one is all of the "Thanks you's" that need to be addressed starting with Archie and his staff at Alpha Printing. These people were just super in taking care of the IASAC officers and board when we convened in their building for our IASAC business meeting. We were given a great meal (see last month's éclair cake recipe), a delightful tour of the premises, some useful gifts, and a quiet spot to hash over some items of business that affect our club. Thank you to Nancy Yee and Archie Kidd for getting a luncheon together and a room reserved for the IASAC meeting. A special thank you to Nancy for all the work she does behind the scenes. A really big thank you to all those who donated items and purchased items from the IASAC club auction. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our annual meeting and those of you who couldn't attend but support our club in many ways. And finally, a big thank you to those of you who wrote Nancy with a kind word or remembrance of Duane Spellman. Nancy published quite a few of those in the last issue of *The Bugle*.

Next item is the variety of people and items that keep our club unique. Some of you collect bars/rounds because you enjoy their investment value as silver. Others collect because of the beauty the bars/round represent. Some enjoy the miniature works of art that enameled pieces become. Others just like collecting all sorts of things. That brings us to the variety of locations that IASAC has met at and the future of IASAC meetings.

IASAC has met at a number of different locations since 1985, and we have returned to a few places twice. With the September-October window for meetings becoming more difficult to find three-day shows in different geographic locations, the IASAC board and officers decided to open our meeting options from April to October, in the three regions of the U.S. Our areas are now the East (think colonies and seaboard states), Midwest (think Louisiana Purchase) and West (think Denver to the Pacific).

I've generalized a bit and I'll listen to any suggestions the members have. Our 2003 site selection committee is comprised of Nancy Yee, Dick DeVries, Jim Best and Jerry Mengelkoch. If you would like to serve on the Eastern-2004 committee, please let me know. Also, they might have the site selected for the western meeting by this issue of *The Bugle*.

There is also a new IASAC award, which will be issued to Duane Spellman posthumously. The award will be issued on merit (not necessarily yearly) to IASAC members for their outstanding contributions. It will be a gold-plated bar with the club reverse and a blank obverse for engraving. There are some qualities that the club is looking for in its recipients of this award. The Distinguished Service Award is to be given in Duane Spellman's memory.

The Cincinnati show had some bizarre twists for this collector. There was a large Heritage auction of currency which I wasn't award of until I was reading the *Numismatic News*. Offered at the auction were a number of Monroe, Michigan broken banknotes. Upon reading this, I rushed to the auction site and arrived 15 lots too late to bid on any of them. There were very few bars/rounds offered except at Jim Best's table. There was a mini-blackout of power on the bourse Saturday. Besides the lights, the elevators lost power also. There appeared to be a lot of people visiting the convention, but most of it was out of my price range. I found only one TAMS dealer and nothing I was interested in. Wally Thomas did help me pick up one very important piece for my IASAC collection, and he provided a lovely Bob Tway enameled (TM-54EN) piece for me also. Thanks, Wally! Jim Best had a neat enameled fire engine, and that was about all I purchased besides the IASAC auction lots.

The week after IASAC, the Michigan TAMS convention was held in Flint, but I'll write about that next time. Until then, happy hunting.

Doug
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Secretary-Treasurer's Report 12/02

Well, the hoedown was a great success! Thanks to everyone who wrote and asked about it. We had over a hundred guests, and the next dance is already in the planning stages…a sock hop in a gym, poodle skirts & a soda shop. Should be fun!

I had some great emails at Halloween. There was a spooky photograph of a ghost from Chuck Luce, a Harvest Moon from Linda Spellman and cat bowling from Cecil Starcher. But, now we're into a new holiday season. It's almost time to make our annual trek to the tree farm for that perfect Christmas tree.

Imagine my surprise when I opened the mail on October 19 to find Len Kruithof's and Harris Rusitzsky's answers to the April *Brain Teaser*! There were three envelopes dated nearly six months earlier on April 23 coming from New York and the San Francisco area. In case Len or Harris wondered why their names weren't mentioned back in June, that's the reason!

Stephanie O'Neil's article on Franklin Mint items was featured in a *Coin World* recap of the last *Bugle*. As a result, we have several new members. Thanks!

Also in the news, we had a tremendous response to articles on our 2002 Cincinnati round in *Coin World* and *Numismatic News*, and have sold more of this particular issue to non-members than any other (12 & counting!). Jan Henke noted that the USS Saginaw round produced for the Vallejo Numismatic Society was a hot-seller also. Boats are apparently big among topical collectors. We had so many orders for the bronze version that we ran out, and I ordered an extra twenty to keep up with the sales. If you'd like to order, we still have about 15 silver and 2 enameled rounds left, in addition to the bronze.

SOLD OUT! The 5th edition *Indexed Guide Book of Silver Art Bars*. The last copy was mailed a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, I have to return a check for an order that just came in. We still have a good supply of the 1993 update, but they won't last forever. Let me know if you need

one (or several). They sell for $10 postpaid, and all proceeds benefit the club.

Sorry to report that we haven't decided on a location for the 2003 meeting as yet. We'll have to let you know in February, at which time we'll also announce the design contest for next year's bar. Producing the round or bar takes a considerable amount of time, from start to finish, once you add in the extra time it takes to run the contest and promote sales. We'll need your input on designs as soon as we've decided where we're going.

You'll find a return envelope enclosed for your 2003 club dues, as well as a request for address/phone/email information. If you agree to the release of your street address & phone number, this will be included in a new address book for IASAC members. Please return your dues by the January 10th deadline. I hate having to beg in February and March.

Wishing everyone the happiest of holidays!

IasacNancy@cs.com

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please return the enclosed envelope even if your dues have already been paid (see your address label-if it says 1/2003 right under your name, then you need to send me a check). **I need the address information in order to complete a new membership booklet. It's been 10 years, and the old one is a little out-of-date!**

Bet you didn't know:

Fish have eyelids
Shrimp can only swim backward
The average woman consumes 6 lbs. of lipstick in her lifetime
Camel's milk does not curdle
The tongue is the fastest healing part of the human body
There are over 1 million ants for every person in the world
The average American walks 18,000 steps a day
Giraffes have no vocal cords
No word in the English language rhymes with month

-Real Facts from Snapple button pop lids

Treasury Update

Previous Balance	**$2188.20**
Income	
New memberships/renewals	$ 195.00
Advertisements	89.60
Round sales	335.00
Book sales	196.54
2002 club auction	38.50
Cash donations	43.00
	$ 897.64
Expenses	
Postage	$ 189.78
Printing, October *Bugle*	182.83
Subscriptions, *Coin World & Numismatic News*	71.93
ANA membership	29.00
Coin World advertisement	254.80
SilverTowne, 20 additional bronze	43.00
	$ 771.34
New Balance	**$2314.50**

Thanks to **Steve Rood, Ron Ulrich, Walter & Eda Thomas, Don Eubanks, Phil & Vi Asher** and **Ralph Downey** for their donations of cash, stamps and silver since the last printing of *The Silver Bugle*.

We are mailing **201 copies** of this issue. Membership in IASAC is $20 ($30 foreign) and renewals are $15 ($20 foreign), payable in January every year. Please send renewals with a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118. Include your FREE 25-word classified ad. The next deadline for advertisements is January 10, 2003.

Welcome to new members:

527 Chet Britt (Mike Sprouse)	Columbus OH
528 Larry J. Pung (Jan Henke)	St. Clair MI
529 Jim Zanetti	Rock Springs WY
530 Bruce L. Barr (O'Neil-Coin World)	Philadelphia TN
531 Sheldon P. Sandler (O'Neil-Coin World)	Mission KS
532 Robert W. Lieb, Jr.	Roanoke VA
533 Douglas J. Allen	Fresno CA
534 James R. Deaner (Coin World)	Las Vegas NV
535 Steven M. Kaden ((Phil Asher)	Las Vegas NV
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1992 NBA Champs - Bulls (silver - no SN)	15.00
1992 Super Bowl - Redskins SN (enameled)	35.00
1992 Super Bowl - Redskins (silver-no SN)	15.00
1991 World Series Twins/Braves SN(enamld)	35.00
1991 World Series Twins/Brv(silver-no SN)	15.00
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1990 World Series Reds/A's (silver-no SN)	17.50
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1989 Super Bowl SF49ers SN(enam)(TM-72EN)	45.00
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1978 World Cup Winner SN (TM-17)	35.00
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Montreal Olympics 1976 SN (USSC-271)	45.00

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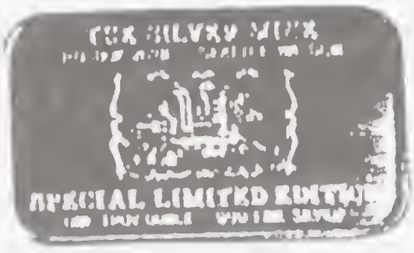
- All one ounce .999 unless otherwise noted.
- Please add $3.50 postage and insurance to all orders.
- Send SASE for sample flyer of other bars and rounds available



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The Melting Pot

By Stephanie O'Neil, Club Historian

On January 21, 1980, the price of silver soared to a high of $49.85 an ounce due to the infamous Hunt brothers, in their attempt to corner the market in silver.

In actuality, the Hunt brothers made a way for large sums of money to be made, should an investor have a large reserve of silver and be willing to relinquish it in exchange for even larger sums of money. No doubt many people prospered as a result! I met someone who said he put his two daughters through four years of college thanks to the Hunt brothers. But what the Hunt brothers did for the silver bar industry was almost catastrophic, as bars minted in 1979 totaled 83, a sharp decline from the preceding year's total of 330. Bars minted in 1980 were at an all-time low to that point of 66.

The outrageously high price that silver commanded nearly destroyed our silver art bar industry. Minters and collectors alike could not afford silver prices, a no-win situation.

Did art bar collectors abandon their hobby and opt for a more lucrative return on their silver investment? I wonder how many bar collectors did just that? Which leads me to ask how many bars actually hit the 1980 melting pot? The results could determine and change the rarity as well as the value set by 5th edition, *Guide Book* officials, particularly since we all know what role scarcity can play in determining the value of anything for that matter! The 5th edition of *A Guide Book of Silver Art Bars* was published in 1991. Did the authors place a high value on bars made prior to 1980 as a result of the silver surge and the meltdown? (Possible future article.) Bars minted prior to 1981 could have a higher value today since these bars were subject to the 1980 silver meltdown.

Can we determine the scarcity of bars made prior to 1981 that were subject to the melting pot? How would we know which bars were melted in determining rarity? Was bullion the first to go? My guess would be yes, since bullion is not technically art bars, but it was listed in all of the art bar guide books published and bullion was collected by many art bar collectors as well. Bullion made prior to 1981 could be the rarest to collect if this is true!

Let's look at some figures. There are over 6,000 bars listed in the 5th edition, dated from 1966 through 1991. Of those, 4,494 bars were minted prior to 1981, clearly showing the majority of bars were made prior to 1981, all of which were good candidates for the 1980 melting pot, unfortunately.

Another point we must consider is the mintage of bars during that time frame. It would be almost impossible to research mintage of all bars made from 1966 through 1980, since there is a large space in time frame and since mintage is vastly scattered.

Let's site one particular mint. I chose Madison Mint to research as their bars were made from 1972 through 1991, although I'm looking at bars made from 1972 through 1980. Madison Mint produced 342 bars during that time. Take a look at the following chart, as you may find some interest.

Madison Mint bars, 1972-1980

Mintage	Total # of bars
1-500	49
501-1000	3
1001-5000	6
5,001-10,000	9
10,000 – 20,000	9
20,001 – 30,000	3
60,000 & up	1
No mintage listed	262
Total	342

Two hundred and sixty-two bars had no mintage listed in the 5th edition. It's anybody's guess as to the mintage of each of those bars.

MAD-37 had a mintage of 60,643 alone, the highest documented mintage of all bars listed in the *Guide Book.*

I read in several old "*Silver News*" newspapers of unofficial or undocumented mintage on the following bars. These bars had "no mintage" listed in the 5th edition.

Take a look at the high mintage:

MAD-9E	10,000
MAD-25	53,505
MAD-28	78,131
MAD-30	45,000
MAD-33	57,100
MAD-48	40,200
MAD-49	23,500
MAD-51	69,871
MAD-127	27,681

Nine bars had undocumented mintage totaling 404,958. Who knows how many more unofficial and unlisted mintage bars there were? Keep in mind there were 107 mints listed in the 5th edition that produced many bars prior to 1981 and countless amounts of bars with unlisted mintage. Do the fuzzy math!

The Melting Pot (cont).

These figures can cast a different light on mintage amounts of bars made prior to 1981, as there were hundred of thousands of bars circulating that could have hit the melting pot. A sad thought indeed!

Which bars are the rare ones and how many bars were melted as a result of the silver price surge in 1980 are two questions we may never have answers to. Hopefully, 'art bar collectors' love and devotion to their hobby and their good conscience have over-ruled their pocketbooks and their love for money in preserving those beautiful and collectible art bars made prior to 1981!

Editor's note: Steve Rood was authorized by the mints to assign catalog numbers for the art bars listed in the guidebooks and received official information from them. What is documented there is correct, according to the correspondence he received. He also made countless phone calls, trips, etc. to verify everything. Steve remembers visiting one mint in particular, where he was escorted into the building and led to a wire cage. There he was asked to strip naked, and was given a pair of slippers and a set of clothes to wear (no pockets, etc.) while he was in the minting facility. So, you can see, control was pretty tight. Another note: many of the so-called 'mints' listed in the guide books did not actually produce the bars, but sent the art work out to another facility for production.

HOLIDAY SALE

CT-3 Birthday of Christ	$9
CM-54 Merry Christmas (Tree)	$11
CM-55 Bah Humbug	$11
CM-78 Merry Christmas (Santa)	$11
MOTA-3C Bing Crosby, cxld	$45
MAD-162 Happy New Year '77	$9
MAD-195 Christmas, 1978	$9
MEM-34 Taking Turns	$12
OM-3 The Wise Men	$35
OM-4 The Christ Child	$35
OM-5 The Shepherds	$35
SIL-6 Mele Kalikimaka	$17.50
SIL-6EN Mele Kalikimaka,enam.	$30
VM-1 Christmas, 1982	$20
VM-2 Christmas, 1983	$20
VM-3 Christmas, 1984	$15
VM-4 Christmas, 1985	$15
VM-5 Christmas, 1986	$15
VM-6 Christmas, 1987	$20
WM-27 Little Country Church	$15
FM Christmas, 1971, .925 1000 gr.	$15
FM Christmas, 1974, .925 1000 gr.	$15

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CEM-52	WOMANS LIB.
COL-16	BROOKLYN BRIDGE
DM-9	LOVE ALWAYS
DM-12	ELVIS PRESLEY
EJA-10	HEALING WOUNDS
EJA-11	LET US UNITE
EJA-12	ROCKY ROAD TO PRESIDENT
EJA-16	REACH FOR PEACE
HAM-383	CAPITOL BUILDING
HAM-389	GRAND CANYON
HAM-395	WHITE HOUSE
HAM-402	OLD FAITHFUL
HAM-408	FT. SUMPTER
HAM-411	GETTYSBURG
HAM-412	GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
HAM-413	MT. RUSHMORE
HAM-415	STONE MOUNTAIN
HAM-424	WASHINGTON MONUMENT
HAM-503	PETRIFIED FOREST
ISIC-7	RAGGEDY ANN & ANDY
ISIC-11	GOLD BUG
JCM-14	SAGITTARIUS
JR-3	BOSTON A. N. A.
JW-1	JOHNNIE WALKER
LIBI-4	ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM
LBTY-2E	GRAF ZEPPLIN
LIN-3	CLARK GABLE
LIN-4	THE COWBOY
LIN-5	HUMPHREY BOGART
MLM-3	LAS VEGAS
MLM-9V4	CONCORDE STAGE
MLM-13V	RENO, NV
MLM-16V	NEW ORLEANS
MLM-22	TEN DOLLAR GOLD
MLM-39V	ALAMO
MEM-34	TAKING TURNS
NA-13	SAGITTARIUS
OM-2	TEN COMMANDMENTS
ONE-5	GRAF ZEPPELIN
ONE-7	HUCK FINN
PAT-11V1	COVERED WAGON
PIB-2	INFLATION
PM-1	MAN O' WAR
PM-2	FRAZIER THE LION
PM-4V	JACKSON PRECIOUS METAL
SCL-19V	PICASSO
SCL-20	WINSTON CHURCHILL
SCL-31	J. F. K.
ST-20V	NEVADA
ST-	1990 GARFIELD (ROUND)
SWISS-6	GIVE A HOOT
TM-53V	CLOWNING AROUND
TSR-4	VACATION PARADISE, MONTELLO, WI
USSC-66	LADY GODIVA
USSC-93	THE MOOSE
USSC-105	KAIKAOOS
USSC-116	STREAKERS
USSC-126	HOLLYWOOD
USSC-144	SAN DIEGO ZOO
USSC-175	LOVE BIRDS
USSC-188	THE COUGAR
USSC-190	JACKALOPE
USSC-197	OLD BARBARY COAST TYPE 1
USSC-204	GOOD FORTUNE
WWM-1	LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
WWM-6	ASTRONAUTS OF TWO AGES
WWM-17V	GOOD LUCK

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An Awe-Inspiring Sight

By Stephanie O'Neil, Club Historian

(I'd like to share my Christmas story with fellow members this holiday season as Christmas came in July for me.)

What sparks the purchase of a silver art bar? Could it be the glimmer of silver held in your palm, or the beauty of an engraved scene, possible one you can relate to, or even an interest in a historical day or event in times past? Try a great white heron. Yes, you read it right, a great white heron.

Here's a story I'd like to share with you. You may even gain a little knowledge of egrets and great white herons, and learn the difference between the two!

One hot July afternoon, while sitting in my easy chair with my laptop front and center and doing the usual, something caught my attention from my courtyard. As I looked up, I saw a spectacular species of wildlife land atop a potted hydrangea sitting on the table. I got up to see what this was.

I want to tell you I witnessed an incredible creature of God. At first I thought it was a duck because it was white with an orange duck-like bill. When I looked at its neck and feet, I knew it was not. I was in complete awe of this animal that flew into my courtyard for my viewing that afternoon. I was no more than ten feet from the bird with two French door separating the two of us. I hurriedly grabbed my camera for credibility of my story and for the shot of a lifetime. Instead, I managed to snap a shot after his short flight onto my fence. This was some kind of spectacular bird of incredible size, folks!

I wondered if it could be a whooping crane? I referred to my Field Guide to North American Birds for correct identification. It was not a whooping crane since it did not have black wing tips or red on its forehead and cheeks. It appeared to be a great egret or a great white heron. After comparison, I made the identification.

The difference in the two is the color of their legs. Great egrets have black legs whereas great white herons have orange legs to match their bill.

Yep, a great white heron made an appearance in my c courtyard in suburban Metairie, Louisiana one summer afternoon in July! How and whit it appeared in Metairie will remain a mystery as great white herons are seen from islands in the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico to the Florida Keys.

Shortly thereafter, I had the opportunity to purchase a great white heron silver art bar (TSM-35), one in a commemorative set of eighteen, based on the original art masterpieces of John James Audubon, serial numbered and dated 1974. The commemorative set honors rare and endangered bird. You know I had to have it. I now consider the bar my good luck charm. After all, how lucky could I have been for a great white heron to land in my courtyard!

I was in complete awe for some time afterwards, thinking about that day the heron visited my yard, and having the pleasure of witnessing close up, and incredibly beautiful and rare bird, and at one time, listed as an endangered species! I was given a rare and precious gift that day in July!

I hope everyone has a wonderful and magical holiday this season!

Did You Know?

Coors Light Silver Bullet bars came in three sizes, 1 oz., 5 oz. and 10 oz. All three came enameled. They were promotional ingots for Coors outlets. Thank you, Shawn Manley, for this infor and for the vintage postcard of Pueblo, Colorado.

At one time, one, if not both of the Hunt brothers owned Sunshine Mining Company.

From the Mailbag

We receive comments, questions and friendly greetings from members and others. Here is a sampling of these letters.

Lou Kretovics writes, regarding the Cincinnati meeting, "It was a nice get together. Missed Duane..."

Walter Steinman would like to know if anyone in the club has had any recent correspondence with Harry Forman of Madison Mint. If so, please write to the club address.

IASAC is again listed in the *Coin Collector's Yearbook* for 2003, published by Miller Magazines, Inc.

The **club round** was mentioned under "Membership News" in the October issue of *The Numismatist*. *Coin World* and *Numismatic News* also featured the round in several articles.

Al Lo emails, "I received the 3 club medals on Wednesday and took them to my San Jose Coin meeting that night and then to my Cupertino Coin Club meeting on Friday. Everyone liked the medals, especially the enameled one. I also think it's a great design! The frosting made the boat really stand out. My Silver Bugle arrived on Friday and it is one of the best ever. The pictures and articles of the annual convention were very clear, informative and interesting. The testimonials to Duane were also very touching. I met Duane only once at the Las Vegas convention and didn't know him too well. I did enjoy his auctions and participated in them for many years. He always had something interesting for me to bid on and I always received a bar or a round after each auction. I will miss Duane and his auctions!!! May he be smiling at us from his perch above!!"

Bruce E. E. Rawson emails that he liked the club round as well, saying, "I must say, that when I saw the enameled one, I thought it was a beautiful one, compared to last year. I guess and assume that each year it gets prettier."

Edward Rochette, Executive Director of the ANA writes, "We wish to acknowledge with appreciation the receipt of the check in the amount of $25.00 from the International Association of Silver Art Collectors toward

the ANA Building Fund... We want to say 'thanks,' and we look forward to the day when you can visit and see for yourself the Museum and Library you helped make possible."

F. Lee Foley writes, "Just a short note from the still hot state of Florida. I would like to place my order for the new club round (sorry about being so late). I'd like to add it to my collection. I could not make the meeting in Cincinnati this time around. I would like to get back up there though. I graduated from high school not far from there in a small town down close to the Ohio River called 'Felicity.' The round has a super design. The boat on the round also brings back some old times. While in school in Ohio we took a school trip on one of these riverboats. Was just like one of the gambling boats today, but they only gave us chips. Could not be used for money, only for play, but boy what a time! So this round would have a double whammy for me."

Eugene Daley sent in his 2003 dues saying, "I agree the membership should be raised to $15." He also writes, "With my faith, my art bars, my scanner radio and TV...I will try to live my life, as best as I can." Gene has been learning to cook, clean house & do the laundry since his wife Margaret passed away last May.

Michael Todaro says, "I love reading about the Franklin Mint ingots by Stephanie O'Neil. At one time I was a member of their club and when they put the first gold coin out, I was in line to buy it."

Yvon Cupidon sends "Greetings from the Seychelles. At the moment the weather here is very wet but the heat is still around 32.5C. This is a sauna free country."

Stephanie O'Neil emails, "I thoroughly enjoyed our October Bugle – to look at the pics from our convention and read about the business at hand as well as the fun y'all had was a special treat."

Glenn Perry writes, "What an honor to be one of the winners of the 'Wauna Win This contest! I enjoy the Bugle and all the letters and comments. Really enjoy Stephanie O'Neil's articles. I haven't picked up many bars lately. At our coin show in Dodge City, Kansas last month I did get a few rounds. There were put out by the Postal Service. I got the following:

From the Mailbag.....

60th anniversary of Domestic Parcel post Service 1913-1973
90th anniversary of Special Delivery 1885-1975
100th anniversary of Universal Postal Union 1884-1974
110th anniversary of Railway Mail Service 1864-1974
113th anniversary of Free City Delivery 1863-1976
300th anniversary of Boston Post Road 1672-1972

I have no idea how many others were put out in this series. All are serial numbered and are .999 silver. Also along with these were two other medals. One was a Republican National Committee commemorative medal from 1975 honoring Gerald R. Ford. It is sterling, made by the Medallic Art Company. The other is a Franklin Mint sterling commemorative medal for the Royal Silver Jubilee, 1952-1977. I also got a group of medals called 'America's First Medals, ' from the United States Mint. These commemorate battles of the American Revolution. There is room for 11 medals along with a book explaining each one."

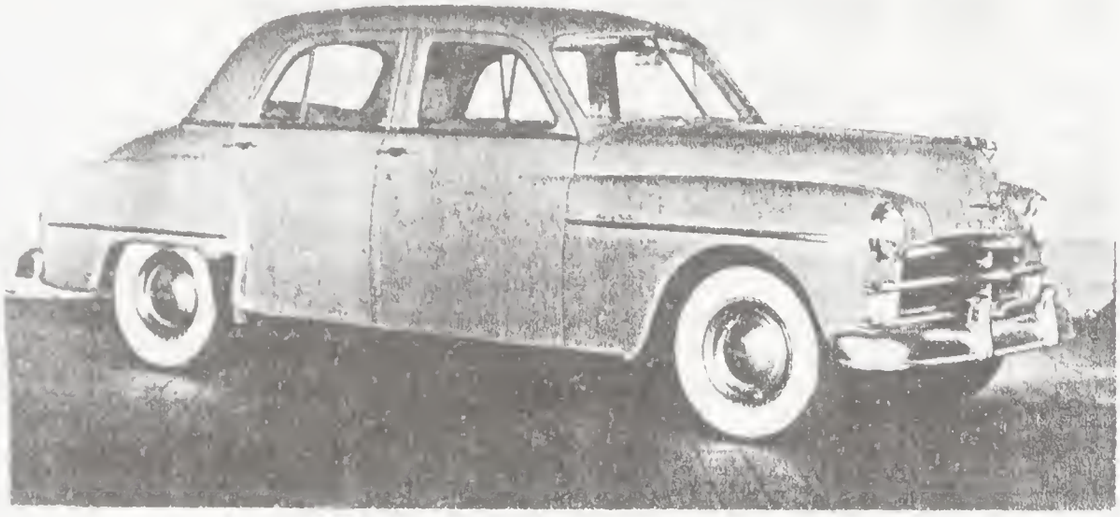
Sounds like a worthwhile visit to the coin show!

Dear Members of IASAC,

I have always believed that evidence of a life lived well is the people left behind. Duane was blessed with multitudes of people who loved and respected him. I was moved beyond tears as I read your kind words about Duane. I am so glad that he touched so many lives and left a legacy behind in the Art Bar World. To think that a memorial will be set up in his name to honor him year after year means so much to my family and me. Thank you for your support and I pray that you will be blessed.

Linda Spellman and Family

MY FAVORITE CAR



1950 Plymouth Four Door

As announced in the last issue of *The Silver Bugle*, we will have a new writing contest for the New Year. We have several fine prizes for you to win, and here's the scoop. Write about your favorite vehicle in 100 words or less (this will be strictly enforced). *Parade* magazine recently featured a similar contest, and here are examples of two winning entries:

As I sank into the seat and grasped the wheel of my first new car, I could sense all my buddies staring at me. She was a beauty; no doubt about that...the envy of all the guys and girls on the block. What was not to like? She was shiny green with white detailing and fancy wheels...the kind that had white-wall tires on them. On top of that, she was a convertible. I couldn't believe it was right there in my driveway with a big bow on it-a gift from my parents...my 1960 Comet pedal car for my 5th birthday.

- Karen Skophammer, Fort Dodge, Iowa

I am now much like my 1995 Camry-grey, out-of-style but reliable. But it was not always so. Oh, no. Once, with golden crewcut and skin of bronze, I cruised the California streets in my '54 Olds red-and-white hardtop convertible with spinner hubcaps and glass-packed muffler. What a car! Heads turned when I went past or when I slowly *varoom-varoomed* around the drive-in restaurants looking for girls. Oh, they loved to go riding in that car, their hair blowing in the whistling air. Now, they just honk at me to get out of the way.

-J. A. Steiner, Bethesda, Maryland

So, rev up your engines and start writing those stories. We'll be looking forward to reading them.

Mail entries to: My Favorite Car, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118.

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Lakeland, FL 33811

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DECEMBER 2002

EJA 19	'TWas Christmas Morn -2 oz	$50.00
EJA 24	Winter - 2 oz	$50.00
EJA 25	Christmas Carols - 2 oz	$50.00
EJA 25G	Christmas Carols - GP - 2 oz	$50.00
EJA 27	Norman Schwarzkopf	$12.00
WWM 13	Walking Tall	$20.00
APM 20	Howard Hughes	$25.00
ACG 2	Burt Reynolds - Nude	$15.00
CEM 3EN	Happy Birthday - December	$9.00
CEM 4EN	Happy Birthday - January	$9.00
CEM 5EN	Happy Birthday - February	$9.00
CEM 22	Cameo -Facing Right	$40.00
CEM 22V	Cameo-Facing Left	$40.00
CEM 24EN	Season's Greeting 1974	$14.00
COL 2	Madonna and Child	$8.95
COL 5	W C Fields	$8.95
COL 7	Silver Lode Bonanza	$8.75
COL 15	Watergate Gang	$8.75
CCM 17	Christmas 1982	$8.95
CCM 2	Christmas 1983	$8.95
CCM 24	Manger Scene	$8.95
CCM 28	July Beauty - Nude	$30.00
CCM 32	November Beauty - Nude	$30.00
CCM 81	Christmas 1987	$8.95
CCM 37	Christmas 1988	$8.95
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CT 16	Good Luck-Never Go Broke	$8.25
DM 11	Chattanooga Choo Choo	$12.00
GSM 2	The Shrinking Dollar	$12.00
GSM 4	Fuel Shortage 74	$12.00
GOLD 1	Mount St Helens	$9.95
ZM 1	Nobody's Perfect	$15.00
MOTA 4	Charlie Chaplin	$25.00
MOTA 9	Jimmy Durante	$25.00
TRG 2V1	Abbot and Costello	$25.00
TRG 5	I'll be home for Christmas	$30.00
TRG 8	In the Garden	$25.00
TRG 12	Emmett Kelly	$30.00
TRG 14	John Wayne	$30.00
TRG 21	Budweiser Clydesdales	$50.00
GLM 16	Happy New Year	$8.95
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GCM 15	Elvis Lives	$45.00
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HAM 43	First Haircut	$12.00
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HAM 52	Summer Afternoon	$12.00
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HAM 95	Slumbering Santa	$8.95
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HAM 207	God Bless us, Everyone	$12.00
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HAM 232	James Monroe	$7.95
HAM 239	James Madison	$7.95
HAM 241	Andrew Jackson	$7.95
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HAM 432	Signing of the Constitution	$7.75
HAM 435	First U.S. Satellite	$7.75
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HAM 454	Salk Vaccine	$7.75
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HAM 462	Paris Peace Conference	$7.75
HAM 467	Social Security	$7.75
HAM 491	Sea Port	$7.75
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HAM 537G	Connecticut	$8.50
HAM 541	Idaho	$8.25
HAM 555	Nebraska	$8.25
HAM 558G	New Jersey	$8.50
HAM 560	New York	$8.25
HAM 570	Texas	$8.25
HAM 595	Samuel Morse	$8.00
HAM 604	Robert Louis Stevenson	$8.00
HAM 616	Samuel Clements	$8.00
HAM 622	John Audubon	$8.00
HAM 627	Robert Frost	$8.00
HAM 642G	Aerodrome	$9.50
HAM 650G	Beachey's Biplane	$9.50
HAM 652G	Lockheed 1011	$9 50
HAM 653G	Sir George Cayley	$9 50
HAM 654G	Fokker DV II	$9.50
HAM 662G	D H. Comet	$9 50
HAM 663G	Clement Adler	$9 50
HAM 665G	Travel Air 2000	$9 50
HAM 668G	Otto Lilienthal	$9 50
HAM 674G	Early Air Meets	$9 50
HAM 679	Wave of the Future	$12 00
HAM 682	Jockey Weighing In	$12.00
ISIC 2V1	The Poodle & Pussy Cat	$12 00
ISIC 8	Patriotic Pandas	$12 00

SILVERTIPS INGOTS

ISIC 20	Cat and the Fiddle	$12.00	MEM 23	Bozo the Clown	$10.00
ISIC 22	The Devil's Triangle	$15.00	WWM 45	Gasparilla 1974	$10.00
IASAC 11	Las Vegas - 10th Anniversary	$29.95	OM 5B	The Shepherds - Bronze	$6.00
JM 2	Christmas 1974	$8.95	ONE 4	Happy New Year 1974	$8.95
JM 4	Eli Whitney	$7.25	SCL 16	Babe Ruth	$12.00
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KEN 13	Dwight D Eisenhower - 20 gms	$5.75	SCL 19V	Picasso	$15.00
KEN 24	Washington at Valley Forge-20 gms	$8.75	TSM 32	Osprey	$10.00
KN 25	Give me Liberty... Death - 20 gms	$8.75	TSM 33	Ivory-Billed Woodpecker	$10.00
KEN 26	I have not yet begun to fight-20gms	$8.75	TSM 36	Bachman's Warbler	$10.00
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LET 1V	Felices Navidades 1973	$18.00	TSM 36D	Greater Prairie Chicken	$10.00
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MAD 47	Hanukkah 1973	$8.95	SM 5	Space mission I - Columbia	$25.00
MAD 49	Merry Christmas 1972	$8.95	SM 33	Voyager	$14.00
MAD 92V	The Knight	$11.00	SM 41	Brooklyn Bridge Centennial	$20.00
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MAD 94	The King	$11.00	TM 8	Los Angeles Dodgers 1977	$18.00
MAD 95	The Queen	$11.00	TM 53V	Clowning Around	$12.00
MAD 97	The Pawns	$11.00	TM 58EN	The Flasher - Enamelled	$25.00
MAD 103	Happy New Year 1974	$8.95	TM 59V	Super Bowl 1987	$10.00
MAD 106	A Happy New Year 1975	$8.95	TM 68V	Super Bowl 1988	$10.00
MAD137	Minuteman - 1/4 oz	$6.00	USSC 15	Capricorn	$8.50
MAD 138	Indian Head - 1/4 oz	$6.00	USSC 53	Save the Grizzly	$18.00
MAD 138A	Buffalo - 1/4 oz	$6.00	USSC 103	Percy Pitcher	$8.50
MAD 195	Christmas 1978	$8.95	USSC 127	Commerce on Rails	$8.95
MAD 151	Statue of King Geroge	$8.25	USSC 130	The Orient Express	$8.95
MAR 1	USS Kitty Hawk	$25.00	COIN 7	Rembrandt	$9.25
MTB 2V	Statue of Liberty	$8.25	WM 27	Christmas 1973 - 20 gms	$6.00
BIG-D	JR'S Texas Silver	$8.75	WM 56	Standing Liberty	$8.50
HM 1	Hauser Miller	$7.75	BHM 3	The Fir Tree - Merry Christmas	$15.00
QUEEN 1	Only litle people pay taxes	$8.50	NA 23	Merry Christmas 1982	$8.95

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PLEASE SEND US YOUR WANT LIST AS WE HAVE MANY OTHER BARS AND ROUNDS.
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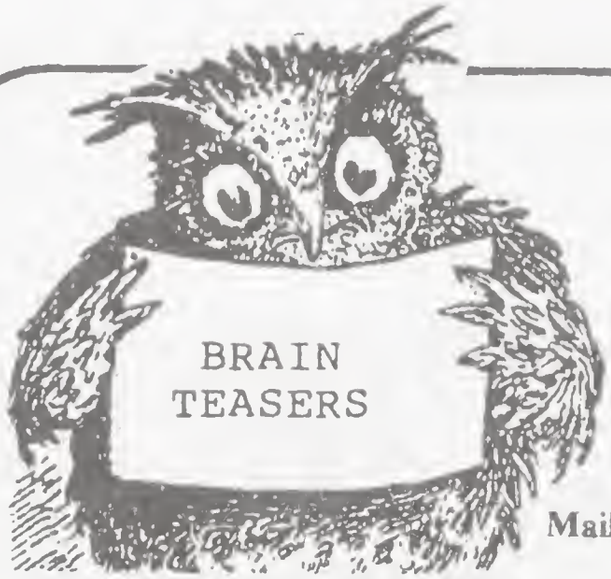

Winners will be selected from Correct answers postmarked On or Before January 6, 2003

Name_____

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Congratulations to **Lynnae Clark, Mike Stanley & Patti Finner** who were the winners in the last contest. Thanks to everyone else who sent in an entry, including **Doug Jennings, Chuck Luce, Jerry G. Hall, Marion Kendrick, Don Barsi, Vi & Phil Asher, Dennis Lotspeich** and **Donald Nelson.** The December puzzle features things associated with some popular Christmas stories. Good Luck!

Christmas, Saint Nick, Santa, Mrs. Claus, sleigh, Rudolph, Red Nosed, Reindeer, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder, Blitzen, Frosty the Snowman, Herbie the Elf, Yukon Jack, Abominable, Snowman, The Grinch, yuletide, sugar plums, jingle, bells.

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NEW ISSUES

In 2004 the Olympic Games will be held in Athens, Greece. To commemorate this event, you can acquire a set of unique silver coins produced by an ancient Greek practice of positive and negative striking, in which one image appears in relief (negative) while the other image appears recessed (positive). These .999 silver coins are legal tender in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ghana. For information, call 1-800-443-3232 or order online at www.unicover.com.

First in a series of "Antique Trucks and Vehicles"from the Fairfield/Vallejo Coin Clubs in California is this electric truck, circa 1915 which delivered prohibition products for Anheuser-Busch, Inc. in 1927. Medals chairman Jan Henke spent many hours researching the make and model of the vehicle, since the pictures he received from the company did not come with this information. The ordering deadline is a firm December 10th. Call Jan if you'd like to order this round. His number is 707-427-0482.

We're received a flyer from The Keystone Mint in Folcroft, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. Keystone specializes in die-striking a variety of metals, such as brass, bronze, nickel-silver, copper and aluminum. In addition to non-precious materials, they also strike in .999 fine silver, platinum and gold. They have recently purchased equipment from the Franklin Mint, enabling them to strike high relief medallions up to 5 (5) inches. Their phone number is 610-461-7772.

Just Humor Me

On Aging, with thanks to Eugene Daley…

A man was telling his neighbor, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect."
"Really," answered the neighbor. "What kind is it?"
"Twelve thirty."

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Morris, an 82 year-old man went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young lady on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to the man and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?"
Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, doctor: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"
The doctor said, "I didn't say that. I said you got a heart murmur. Be careful."

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As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 280. Please be careful!"
"It's not just one car," said Herman. "It's hundred of them!"

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An elderly gent was invited to his old friends' home for dinner one evening. He was impressed by the way his buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms – Honey, My Love, Darling, Sweetheart, Pumpkin, etc. The couple had been married almost 70 years and, clearly, they were still very much in love. While the wife was in the kitchen, the man leaned over and said to his host, "I think it's wonderful that, after all these years, you still call your wife those loving pet names." The old man hung his head. "I have to tell you the truth," he said. "I forgot her name about 10 years ago!"

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED: Bronze IASAC-12 (Dallas convention). Also any Hobo nickels. Member #008. 1-814-536-2922.

NEED the following 1 oz. bars badly: HAM-551G (Minnesota), HAM-554G (Montana), and HAM-529G (Hawaii). Also need GLM-14 (High Wheeler) or GLM-14C. If anyone has any of the 1 oz. state rounds produced by Capitol Medals for sale, please contact me. D. V. Bryant, #367, 3842 Dunhaven, Dallas TX 75220.

FOR SALE: FM Christmas ingots 1970-1979, 1000 gr. (2 oz.) 10 bars , original white book. $150. Also '74 and '75, $18 each. 1980, $30. 500 gr. '74, '75, '76, $10 each. Thomas, 262-835-4392.

TREAT YOURSELF this holiday. Send for list of collectible art bars for sale. Stephanie O'Neil, 3220 Cypress St., Metairie, Louisiana 70001.

FILL THIS SPACE with your 25-word classified ad. Free to all members with on-time renewal. Next advertising deadline is January 10, 2003. Mail to P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118.

WANTED: Statue of Liberty silver rounds and bars. IASAC-3, INTER-1, IUI-1, LIBERTY-1. Bob Brown, 6305 – 157th St., Oak Forest IL 60452.

FOR SALE: Large collection of Greathouse art bars, cancelled or regular at 50% of Fifth Edition prices. Ralph Downey, email: crdowney@inreach.com. Phone 209-334-4857.

2002 IASAC Round –the Cincinnati Convention. Please support the club with the purchase of 1 oz. silver ($22), enameled silver ($52) or antique bronze ($5). All prices postpaid. IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118.

1993 UPDATE, *Indexed Guide Book of Silver Art Bars*, only $10 postpaid. All sales benefit IASAC. P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118.

DON'T BE LATE! Send in your 2003 club dues today. Only $15 ($20 foreign). IASAC, P.O. Box 28415, Seattle WA 98118.

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The International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC), established in 1985, is dedicated to the silver round and art bar hobbyist, collector, dealer and producer. All persons interested in this unique hobby are invited to join. The club regularly publishes its newsletter, The Silver Bugle, providing some of the most interesting reading for you, the member. Not only do you receive advance notice of new rounds and bars, you may also take advantage of specials offered by the many IASAC member-dealers. We also produce limited edition silver bars and rounds for our members, and feature special contests for prizes. Isn t it time for you to take advantage of the benefits available as a member of the IASAC?

Yes, I would like to join the largest Silver Art Club in the world. Please enroll me as a member of IASAC.

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